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 Serial No. : 09/996,007
 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM
 Filed : November 28, 2001
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 Art Unit : 2617

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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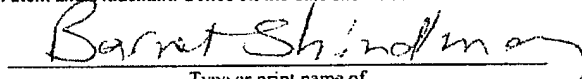
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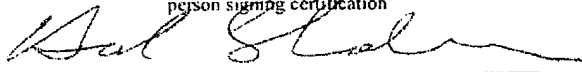
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application
on January 25, 2006, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the
Examiner as follows:

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Species I, Fig. 4;

Species II, Fig. 7;

Species III, Fig. 8;

Species IV, Fig. 10; and

Species V, Fig. 15.

It is respectfully submitted that the species identified by the Examiner are described and illustrated as displays of program guides. See the Brief Description of the Drawings and the detailed description of the foregoing drawing figures. However, Applicants' claims are directed to an information processing apparatus (see claims 1-4, 7-8, 11-12 and 15-17), an information processing method (see claims 5, 9, 13 and 18) and a recording medium (see claims 6, 10, 14 and 19). While the apparatus, method and recording medium can result in the displays shown in Figs. 4, 7, 8, 10 and 15, these claims are not directed, per se, to such illustrated displays. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his election of species requirement and either examine all the claims on their merits, or identify different species of the claimed invention to which the Examiner believes restriction would be appropriate.

Should the Examiner maintain that his election of species requirement is correct, Applicants note the claims read on Figs. 4, 7, 8, 10 and 15 as follows;

Claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 15-19 read on Fig. 4.

Claims 1, 4-10 and 15-19 read on Fig. 7.

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 15-19 read on Fig. 8.

Claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 15-19 read on Fig. 10.

Claims 1 and 4-19 read on Fig. 15.

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From the foregoing, it is seen that claims 1, 5-10 and 15-19 are generic because they read on all of the drawing figures enumerated by the Examiner.

Applicants elect, with traverse, for the reasons discussed above, Fig. 4, on which claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 15-19 read.

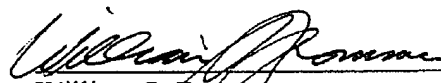
Claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 15-19 are generic. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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